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PETITION FO	R EXTENSION OF TIME	Docket No.:	ABB1207P1390US			
Serial No.:	09/470,944	Filing Date:	December 22, 1999			
Group Art Unit:	1637	Examiner:	Alexander H. Spiegler			
Applicant(s):	Gerald J. Gundling					
Invention:	Nucleic Acid Isolation Method and Kit					

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 13, 2004 and the Notice of Appeal dated August 19, 2004 in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached Response timely.

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_	Entity: Entity:	_ _	\$120.00 \$60.00	<u> </u>	\$450.00 \$225.00	<b>⊠</b>	\$1,020.00 \$510.00	0	\$1,590.00 \$795.00	
Ø	A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the extension fee is enclosed.									
	Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 23-0785.									
⊠	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-0785. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.									

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Respectfully submitted,

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